

SENATE BILL 458

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Transportation – Enhanced Inspection of Bridges –**
3 **Adoption of Regulations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to adopt,
5 by a certain date, regulations concerning enhanced inspection of bridges in the
6 State; requiring the regulations to include certain policies and practices; and
7 generally relating to regulations governing enhanced inspection of bridges in
8 the State.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (1) On or before December 31, 2011, the Maryland Department of
12 Transportation shall adopt regulations governing the inspection of all bridges in the
13 State to augment current visual inspection policies and practices.

14 (2) The regulations required under this section shall include policies
15 and practices that:

16 (i) support expanded research and development for
17 nondestructive evaluation technologies for bridge inspection;

18 (ii) ensure that measurement techniques are safe and reliable;

19 (iii) are cost effective and practical for use in the field for bridge
20 inspection; and

21 (iv) provide incentives and encouragement to bridge owners to
22 use newly developed technology, policies, and practices to enhance visual bridge
23 inspection.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2011.